

BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, ARKANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD



LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARK H. BERRY

Lieutenant Colonel Mark H. Berry serves as Logistics Group Commander for the 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, Ebbing Air National Guard Base located in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He assumed his current position on 3 November 2001.

Lieutenant Colonel Berry was born at Perin Air Force Base, Sherman, Texas on 23 November 1955. In January 1971, his father retired from the United States Air Force and relocated his family to Booneville, Arkansas. After graduating from high school in 1974, Lieutenant Colonel Berry enlisted in the Air Force and completed Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas and subsequently began technical training as an air traffic controller at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi. Upon completion of technical training in April 1975, he was assigned to the Radar Approach Control, 1948th Communications Squadron, Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Mississippi.

In May 1981, Lieutenant Colonel Berry was selected and assigned to the Nevada Test Site, Las Vegas, Nevada in direct support of Presidentially directed projects and programs in the Department of Energy and Department of Defense Special Projects and Testing. While assigned in Las Vegas, Lieutenant Colonel Berry completed a Bachelor of Aeronautics Degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and was named to the Dean's List of Scholars. He received his Master of Public Administration Degree in Administrative Organization and Management from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California in August 1984 and received the Tactical Air Command Superior Academic Achievement Award. After completion of his graduate studies, Lieutenant Colonel Berry served as an adjunct professor on the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University faculty.

In April 1985, Lieutenant Colonel Berry attended Officer Training School at Medina Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. After receiving his commission on 3 July 1985, he attended the Air Traffic Control Officer Training Program at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, South Carolina. Lieutenant Colonel Berry was assigned to the 2110th Communications Squadron, Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma in November 1985 as Chief of Air Traffic Control Operations for Undergraduate Pilot Training Program under the 71st Flying Training Wing. In May 1988 Lieutenant Colonel Berry assumed duties at the 2146th Communications Group, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea as Deputy Chief of Air Traffic Control Operations in support of the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. After his return from the Republic of Korea, Lieutenant Colonel Berry attended the Ira C. Eaker Center for Professional Development and was subsequently assigned as Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Upon separation from active duty, in September 1992, Lieutenant Colonel Berry joined the Arkansas Air National Guard as a Public Affairs Officer for the 188th Fighter Wing. In his civilian capacity Lieutenant Colonel Berry was a Registered Investment Representative with a major New York Stock Exchange securities firm while also serving on the Board of Directors for the Booneville, Arkansas Chamber of Commerce. In November 1995, Lieutenant Colonel Berry assumed a position as Telecommunications Manager for the 188th Fighter Wing. Lieutenant Colonel Berry was assigned as the Support Group Commander for the 188th Fighter Wing in July 2001 and held that position until 4 December 2001.

Education:

1982 Associates of Applied Science in Air Traffic Control, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
1983 Bachelor of Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida
1984 Masters of Public Administration, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California
1987 Squadron Officer School, non-residence correspondence course
1989 Ira C. Eaker Center for Professional Development, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2001 USAF Air Command and Staff College, non-residence correspondence course

Assignments:

April 1975 – May 1982, Senior Controller, Radar Approach Control, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi
May 1982 – April 1985, Senior Controller, Dreamland Approach Control, Las Vegas, Nevada
November 1985 – May 1988, Chief, Air Traffic Control Operations, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma
May 1988 – May 1989, Deputy Chief, Air Traffic Operations, Osan Air Base, Republic of South Korea
May 1989 – September 1992, Assistant Professor, AFROTC, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas
October 1992 – October 1996, Chief, Public Affairs, 188th Fighter Wing, Fort Smith, Arkansas
October 1996 – December 2001, Communications Flight Commander, 188th Fighter Wing, Fort Smith, Arkansas
July 2001 – December 2001, Support Group Commander, 188th Fighter Wing, Fort Smith, Arkansas
November 2001 – Present, Logistics Group Commander, 188th Fighter Wing, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Flight Information:

Have ridden in T-37, T-38, F-4, B- 737, C-130, C-12, C-21, C-26, DC-10, DC-9, L-1011, B-707, B-727 B-747, B-757, B-767, UH-1, H-3, BE-90 and various others (many hours)

Awards and Decorations:

Meritorious Service Medal with one device
Air Force Commendation with six devices
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two devices
Air Force Reserve Service Medal with M device
Air Force Professional Military Education Ribbon
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with two devices
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Air Force Longevity Ribbon with five devices
Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon
Air Force Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon with one device
Arkansas Service Ribbon

Effective Dates of Promotion:

Second Lieutenant: 3 July 1985
First Lieutenant: 3 July 1987
Captain: 3 July 1989
Major: 11 September 1994
Lieutenant Colonel: 13 September 2001

